

WEATHER NET PREAMBLE FOR DEKALB EOC – SHORT VERSION

Calling all radio amateurs. This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Center. My name is <**your name**>.

At this time we are opening a formal session of the DeKalb County Weather Net in response to severe weather in the DeKalb County area. This net provides support to local government agencies and the National Weather Service. All participation is appreciated. This is a formal, directed net and all traffic should be directed to net control, KB4EMA. Normal amateur use of this repeater is suspended for the duration. Stations with emergency traffic may break in at any time.

Net participants should exercise good judgment when participating in severe weather-related activities. Your safety is a critical concern. You should always make safety your first priority before, during and after any activities related to net operations. Seek shelter when appropriate and provide reports to the net only when it is safe to do so.

Before we take check-ins, are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic? If so please call now....<**pause for traffic**>

This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County EOC. My name is <**your name**>.

If there was an informal net preceding formal net activation, perform a roll call of previously checked-in stations to verify they are still available.

We will now take new check-ins from stations wishing to participate in the DeKalb County Weather Net. When checking in please give your callsign, name, and location. If you are mobile, please say so. Check-ins will be taken by callsign suffixes.

Stations with callsign suffixes beginning Alpha through Hotel please call now....

<pause>

Stations with callsign suffixes beginning India through Quebec please call now....

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Stations with callsign suffixes beginning Romeo through Zulu please call now....

<pause>

Have we missed anyone? Any station wishing to check in please call now....

<pause>

This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County EOC.

In the event that this repeater fails, the Rainsville repeater (147.47 MHz, minus 600 KHz offset; 77 Hz tone) is the designated backup frequency. The secondary backup frequency is 146.52 MHz simplex (no tone) should conditions make both repeaters unusable. If the EOC is unable to direct the net we will need an alternate net control station. Any station wishing to act as alternate net control please call now.... <pause>

We need to designate a liaison station with the North Alabama, Southern Middle Tennessee Skywarn Net if it is activated. Stations wishing to serve as liaison to this net must be capable of accessing the 147.36 MHz repeater in Section, Alabama. If you would like to serve as a liaison station, please call now<pause>

We also need to designate a liaison station with the Alabama Emergency Net Mike on 3.965 MHz. If you have 75m SSB capability and would like to serve as a liaison station to this net, please call now<pause>

OTHER NETS

Under some circumstances we may need to establish liaison stations with D-Star nets, other neighboring counties' nets, local area shelter nets, etc. If this is the case, other liaison stations can be solicited at this point.

This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County EOC. The DeKalb County Weather Net is in formal session. This is a directed net and all traffic should be passed through net control. Additional stations wishing to check in please call now.... <pause>

NET DEACTIVATION

When conditions allow, the net will be deactivated. Suggested text follows.

Conditions have changed to the point that net operations are no longer needed. We will now take a roll call of stations currently present before closing the net. When your callsign is given, please acknowledge by repeating your callsign.

<roll call>

This formal session of the DeKalb County Weather Net is closed at <local time>. We thank everyone for their participation. The DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club's repeater, W4GBR, is now returned to normal amateur use. This is KB4EMA clear.

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